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THEATRE-ROYAL.

THE LAST NIGHT OF

Mrs YATES's ENGAGEMENT.

On MONDAY, APRIL 18. 1785,

Will be revived, The Tragedy of

THE PRINCE OF TUNIS.

Written by Mr M'KENZIE, Author of the Man of Feeling.

Araſſid (Prince of Tunis) Mr CLINCH;
Heli, Mr DUNCAN;——Barbaroſſa, Mr WILMOT-WELLS;
Saladin, Mr BELL;——Slave, Mr J. BLAND;
Officer, Mr DAVIS;——Meſſenger, Mr BLAND, Jun.;
And Haſſan, Mr WOODS.
Zeyda, Mrs WILMOT-WELLS;
And Zulima, Mrs YATES.

To which will be added, *(9th Night)* a Farce, called, The

POOR SOLDIER.

Tickets to be had, and places for the boxes taken at the Office of the Theatre.

RACQUET CLUB.

THERE is to be a Meeting of this Club at HALLION'S TAVERN, on Saturday next the 23d inſtant. Such members as are to attend will pleaſe leave their names.

Dinner on the Table at Four o'clock.

FREE AND EASY.

THE MEMBERS are requeſted to dine at MITCALF's TAVERN, on Thurſday the 21ſt current. Dinner on the table at half paſt three o'clock. And ſuch Gentlemen as wiſh to attend are deſired to ſend their names to the houſe betwixt and Tueſday.

BANK SHARES.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the Coffeehouſe of Stirling, upon Tueſday the 21ſt June next, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

THREE SHARES in the Capital Stock of the STIRLING BANKING COMPANY.—For further particulars, apply to the Bank Office, or to James Wright writer in Stirling.

STIRLING, 13th APRIL 1785.

COUNTY OF ROXBURGH.

Kelſo, April 11. 1785.

ESCAPED from juſtice, ROBERT TURNBULL ſon of Gavin Turnbull meal-maker in Kelſo, accuſed of entering the ſtable of Patrick Panton writer in Kelſo, and ſtabbing his Horſe, between the night of Saturday the 31ſt day of January, and Sunday the 1ſt day of February 1784, and of being concerned in ſeveral combinations for attacking and deſtroying the property of ſundry individuals in the town and neighbourhood of Kelſo.

The ſaid Robert Turnbull is about five feet eight or nine inches high, ſtout made, large eyes, dark eye-brows, black hair, ſtutters in his ſpeech, and ſpeaks remarkably faſt, one of his fore-teeth broke. He wears a flouched hat, and is dreſſed in whitiſh coloured clothes. He was formerly a ſoldier in Douglas's Light Dragoons.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid Robert Turnbull, ſo that he is ſecured in any of his Majeſty's jails, till he can be tranſmitted to the tolbooth of Jedburgh, ſhall be entitled to a reward of FOUR GUINEAS, to be paid by the Treaſurer of the Police Aſſociation of Kelſo.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

A GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS of JOHN THOMSON, late butcher and dealer in St Ninian's, is requeſted by the Truſtee upon Saturday the 14th of May next, at twelve o'clock noon, at Thomſon's houſe in St Ninian's, when matters of importance will be laid before them.

Not to be repeated.

NOTICE

To ROBERT DUN's CREDITORS.

THE truſtee on Robert Dun in Gatryhorn's ſubject having now converted the funds into money, hereby intimates to the whole creditors to produce their grounds of debt in the hands of John M'Adam of Craigengillan, Eſq; the truſtee, or Mr William M'Myne, ſchoolmaſter of Dalmellington, the factor, on or before the 10th of May next; certifying thoſe who fail ſo to do, that they will be cut out of any ſhare of the debtor's effects. And the whole creditors of the ſaid Robert Dun are deſired to meet at the houſe of William Limmond, innkeeper in Dalmellington, on the ſaid 10th of May next, at twelve o'clock midday, to receive their reſpective dividends.

No repeated.

Houſe and Houſehold Furniture in Edinburgh

TO SELL.

TO be SOLD by Private Bargain, That DWELLING HOUSE, being the ſouth half of the third ſtorey of Gavinloch's Land, in the head of Forreſter's Wynd, lately poſſeſſed by Mr Robert Watt of Woodend, writer in Edinburgh, now deceaſed.

The Houſe conſiſts of four rooms, a kitchen, cellar, garret, and other conveniencies, and is inſured in the Edinburgh Friendly Inſurance Office, and the premium paid up.

The Houſe will be ſhown by a ſervant who reſides in it, and the title-deeds are in the hands of George Andrew, writer in Edinburgh, to whom any perſon inclining to become purchaſer is deſired to apply.

And on Thurſday the 21ſt of April inſtant, there will be ſold by public roup within the above mentioned dwelling-houſe, the whole furniture thereof, conſiſting of tables, chairs, beds, bed and table linen, with a neat Wilton carpet, kitchen furniture, &c.

The roup to begin at 10 o'clock, and to continue till all is ſold off.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the houſe of John Lorimer vintner in Dunbar, upon Wedneſday the 4th of May next, betwixt the hours of eleven and twelve before noon,

The HOUSES, BAKEHOUSE, and YARD,

with the pertinents, lying in the burgh of Dunbar, which belonged to Alexander Watt merchant in Dunbar.——The progreſs of writs and articles of roup to be ſeen in the hands of Mr John Tait, town-clerk of Dunbar, to whom, or to Francis Strachan writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh, intending purchaſers may apply.

FOR POTOMACK RIVER,

The Ship JEANIE,

WILLIAM M'GILL Maſter,

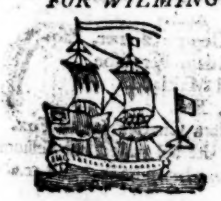
Now lying at Port Glaſgow, will be ready to take in goods by the 20th current, and will ſail about the beginning of May.

For freight or paſſage apply to Henderſon, Gordon, Riddell, and Company, Glaſgow, or to Alexander M'Lachlan and Company, Port-Glaſgow.

N. B. The Jeanie has excellent accommodations for paſſengers.

GLASGOW, *April* 13. 1785.

FOR WILMINGTON, IN NORTH CAROLINA,



The Brigantine JENNY,

A New Veſſel, and well found,

IS expected to be ready to take on board goods at Greenock by the 10th, and will poſitively be clear to ſail by the 25th April.

For freight or paſſage, apply to James Gammill and Company, Greenock.

IF any of the Relations or Friends of Mrs ANABELLA AKINE, who was born in Scotland, and about twelve years ago, when a child, was taken from her grandfather's houſe, Mrs Red, or Reid, a widow, who, at that time, kept a great farm, are deſirous of having information about her, they will pleaſe direct a line to Mrs Quenet, at Mr Harlow's, bookſeller, St James's Street, London.

N. B. Mrs Reid has two brothers, the eldeſt Thomas, who keeps a fiſhery, the other John, a miller

DUTCH LINTSEED, CLOVER SEEDS,

Flax, Wainſcot Boards, Tierce and Barrel Hoops,

JUST arrived in the Peggy, Captain Gray, and the John, Captain Whitehead from Rotterdam,—Theſe goods are all of the beſt quality, and will be ſold upon as reaſonable terms as the high prices about this ſeaſon will admit of. Apply to Thomas Walker and Sons, merchants, Leith; where may be had, very Fine Rye Graſs Seed in bags, a few Firkins beſt Engliſh Butter, and Coopers Flags.

Commiſſions punctually ——

SALE OF MAHOGANY.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Marble Work, Leith, on Tueſday the 26th April 1785, at eleven o'clock forenoon,—A conſiderable quantity of excellent found MAHOGANY.

For particulars, apply to James Whyte.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Marble Work, Leith, on Thurſday the 7th day of May next 1785,

The whole STOCK of MARBLE belonging

to the deceaſed Alexander Whyte marble merchant at Leith, conſiſting of variety of Marbles of all the different kinds, poliſhed and unpoliſhed. Alſo, a very handſome Ornamental Chimney-Piece. The ſale to begin at eleven o'clock forenoon.

The Marble, &c. to be ſeen by applying to Mr James Whyte, at the Marble-work, Leith, with whom the articles of ſale are lodged.

N. B. The Marble Buſineſs ſtill continues to be carried on by James Whyte, as uſual.

PLANS AND ESTIMATES

For an Additional Building to the Town-houſe of Perth.

THE Magiſtrates and Town Council of Perth, having reſolved to erect an addition to the preſent Town-houſe, on the eaſt ſide thereof, betwixt it and the river, as it is found neceſſary to have ſafer and more commodious apartments for the Town-records and principal writings, with proper accommodation for the Town-clerks office, than there is at preſent, and that a larger room than the preſent Council-room is much wanted; and having reſolved that the work ſhall be executed upon contract, with ſufficient ſecurity for the performance, any perſon inclining to undertake the execution thereof are deſired betwixt and the firſt Monday of May next, to lodge with the Town-chamberlain, PLANS and ESTIMATES of the ſaid Building, with proper explanations of the plans, ſpecifying the quality of the materials, dimenſions of the wood, &c. and to lodge the ſame, ſealed, and addreſſed to the Town Council. If, after viewing the intended ſituation, any farther information is wanted, they may apply to the Town-chamberlain for the ſame.

TO BE FEUED OR SOLD,

FOR BUILDING ON,

THE Front of that AREA on a line with the north ſide of the Cowgate, in the middle thereof, between the foot of the Fiſhmarket Cloſe and the Kirk Heugh; and well adapted for ſtreet ſhops, with houſes over them.

For particulars apply to George Cairncroſs writer in Edinburgh, Preſident-ſtairs.

TO be LET for ſuch a term of years as can be agreed on, and entered to at Whitſunday 1785,

The HOUSE of PRESTONHALL, which

is completely furniſhed, with the offices, pigeon-houſes, gardens, policy, and ſuch of the parks as may be wanted.

And likewiſe, the MILL of PRESTON, preſently uſed as a flint mill, which has great command of water, and may be conveniently converted into a diſtillery. All the above ſubjects are ſituated in the pariſh of Cranſton, about ten meaſured miles from Edinburgh; and may be ſeen by applying to David Wilſon at Roſemains.—Particular information of the conditions will be got from him, or Charles Gordon writer to the ſignet.

To be LET and entered to at Whitſunday,

THAT HOUSE, and GARDEN lying behind the ſame, with the offices, ſituated at the weſt end of the town of Linlithgow; the houſe conſiſts of a dining-room, parlour, three bed rooms, with cloſets, kitchen, and garrets, a good cellar, ſtable, waſhing-houſe, and other conveniencies.

There will alſo be Let along with the Houſe, if the tenant ſhall incline, ſix acres of GROUND, well incloſed, lying to the north of the Garden, along the ſide of the Loch.

The Edinburgh, Glaſgow, and Stirling ſtage-coaches paſs through the town every lawful day, and a fly ſets off in the morning from Linlithgow to Edinburgh three times a-week, and returns in the evening.——The town has likewiſe the advantage of a good grammar-ſchool, markets, &c.

Apply to Provoſt Andrew in Linlithgow, or to Thomas Burns, at Mr Walter Scott's, writer to the ſignet. Not to be repeated.

TO BE SET,

THAT Large HOUSE, a little to the eaſt end of Muſſelburgh, and which was lately occupied as the Poorfhouſe. It is a ſubſtantial well-finiſhed building of three ſtories, and is 100 feet by 22 within the walls. There is a good garden, and two or three ſmall fields, which will be ſet along with it, if wanted.

The premiſſes are well adapted for a Manufactory, and will be ſeen by applying to the gardener at Pinkie-houſe.

Not to be repeated.

TOLLS in PEEBLES-SHIRE to LET.

THE Toll-duties to be levied at the Turnpike-gates at Eddleſton, Nether Fala, Horſburgh Caſtle, Cardrona Bank, and the Weſt-gate of Nidpath, in the ſhire of Peebles, are to be LET by public roup, within the Court-houſe of Peebles, upon Wedneſday the 11th day of May next, at twelve o'clock mid-day, for the ſpace of one year from 26th May 1785, to 26th May 1786.

The articles of roup to be ſeen at the Sheriff Clerk's Office, Peebles.

TO be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the King's Arms Inn in Dumfries, upon Wedneſday the 24th day of May next,

The Two and a Half merk-land of DORNEL,

lying in the pariſh of Balmaghie, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, conſiſting of 400 acres or thereby, beſides a loch of 20 acres, well ſtored with perch and pike. They hold of the Crown, and are rented at 45 l. Sterling, and are to be expoſed at 850 l. Sterling.

ALSO, The WOODS on the marches between the lands of Livingſton and Finneneſs, in the ſaid pariſh of Balmaghie, conſiſting of Oak, Aſh, Beech, and Birch; to be expoſed at 160 l. Sterling.

The articles of roup and title-deeds to be ſeen in the hands of John Hunter writer to the ſignet, and Thomas Stothart writer in Dumfries, to either of whom perſons inclining to make a private bargain may apply.

In the Preſs, and ſpeedily will be publiſhed,

In Two Volumes Octavo,

PLAIN SERMONS

ON

PRACTICAL SUBJECTS,

Adapted to different Characters.

By the late Reverend THOMAS GORDON, Miniſter of Speymouth, Murrayſhire.

Printed for C. ELLIOT, Edinburgh,—Of whom may be had,

1. SERMONS on Practical Subjects, by Robert Walker, late one of the Miniſters of the High Church, Edinburgh; with a Character of the Author, by Dr Blair, 3 vols. 8vo. 15 s. boards.

☞ Vols. II. or III. ſeparately.

2. SERMONS by the late Reverend George Carr, of the Engliſh Epiſcopal Congregation, Edinburgh. 5th edition, with the Author's Head, 2 vols. 8vo. 8 s. boards.

3. Walker of Truro's FIFTY TWO SERMONS, being one for each Sunday in the year, 2 vols. 8vo. 10 s. boards.

4. SERMONS by the Reverend John Steele, 8vo. 5 s. boards.

5. Smith's VIEW of the LAST JUDGMENT, 8vo. 4 s. boards.

A CATALOGUE of a Choice Collection of PLANTS, particularly by Rubens, Rembrant, Vandyck, Oſtade, Le Clare, Piraniſi, Bartolozzi, Woollet, &c. which will be Sold by auction, on Monday next, and the three following evenings, at the Auction Room, next door to Mr Gardiner's Linen Ware-room, oppoſite the Croſs.

The Sale to begin each evening at ſeven o'clock preciſely, and every article to be ſet up at the pleaſure of the company.

SALE OF CHINA,

Next door to Meſſ. Corri and Sutherland's Muſic Shop,

BRIDGE STREET.

JAMES MASON acquaints, That he now has a much larger and more elegant aſſortment than is to be met with any other place in Scotland. Moſt of the patterns are new, and many of the articles not to be matched in this kingdom. The room is only taken till Whitſunday—Therefore, the goods will be ſold conſiderably cheaper than at any ſhop in this count y.

Dreſſing and Quadrille Boxes, Preſerved Mangoes, India Paper for hanging rooms, Mandarines, Nankeen Cloths,—China Ink, Sea-Graſs, &c. &c.

*** This Collection is well worth the attention of country ſhop-keepers as well as private families.

☞ Purchaſers to take away the goods at their own riſk and expence, and pay them on delivery.

Attendance from ten o'clock morning to three afternoon, and from four to ſeven evening.

By order of Sir Michael Bruce of Stenhouſe, Baronet, one of the Truſtees of the Turnpike Roads, of the Counties of Stirling and Linlithgow.

THESE are intimating to the ſaid Truſtees, that the General Annual Meeting is to be held in the houſe of James Wyſe, vintner in Falkirk, upon Tueſday the 26th April inſtant, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpoſe of allocating the Toll Money for repairing the Roads, and other matters of importance.

STIRLING, April 14. 1785. JOHN M'KILLOP.

BING's Cakes for making Shining Liquid Blacking,

For Carriages, Sedan Chairs, Shoes, Boots, &c.

ARE now univerſally and juſtly allowed, by the beſt judges, to take precedence of all other blacking cakes or balls extant, without exception—giving to the leather a beautiful black jet ſhining gloſs beyond conception, and rendering it remarkably durable, ſoft, ſmooth, and pliable, and preventing it from cracking to the laſt—do not ſoil a white ſtocking, even if rubbed thereon—may be uſed in their ſubſtance or made into liquid—are free from ſmell, and will keep any length of time in any climate, and conſequently very convenient for travelling; and, notwithſtanding their ſuperior elegance and efficacy, will not coſt above one halfpenny per week to the wearer, and will be a ſaving in the waſhing of ſtockings far beyond the amount of the blacking in the year.

Sold by appointment, wholeſale and retail, at Smith's hairdreſſer and perfumer, Bridge ſtreet, and Meſſ. Huſband, Elder, and Co. oppoſite the Tron-Church, Edinburgh; and by Mr Swanſton, grocer, Trongate, and Mr Whitlaw, perfumer, Glaſgow.——Price of the ſmall cakes and balls, 6 d.—Of the large, 1 s. each.

Alſo, BING's Beautifying Cakes for Carriages, of a ſuperior quality, not inferior to vernith, at 2 s. 6 d. and 1 s. each.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS

IN THE STEWARTRY OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

TO be SOLD by public roup, (by authority of the Court of Seſſion) within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe of Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 22d day of June, 1785, between the hours of four and ſeven afternoon,

The following parts of the lands and eſtate which belonged to the deceaſed Colonel Patrick Gordon of Kingſgrange.

LOT I. The property of the Lands of WARDMEADOW, lying in the pariſh and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The free rent of theſe lands is eſtimated at 8 l. 11 s. 11 d. 6-12ths, and the upſet price, being twenty-two years purchaſe of that rental, is, - - - - L. 189 3 1

LOT II. The Lands of NETHER KILQUHANIDY, lying in the pariſh of Kirkpatrick-Durham, and ſtewartry foreſaid.

The free proven rental of theſe lands, after all deductions, is, 129 l. 5 s. 4 d. 2-12ths, and the upſet price, being twenty-three years purchaſe of that rental, is, - - - L. 1973 2 11 10-12ths

The lands of Wardmeadow hold of a ſubject. The lands of Nether Kilquhanidy hold of the Crown, and afford a qualification upon the old extent. The proprietor has right to the teinds.

The eſtate conſiſts moſtly of a dry kindly ſoil; and although a good deal has been done in the way of incloſing, planting, &c. it is ſtill capable of great improvement. It lies near the great military road leading from Carliſle by Dumfries to Portpatrick, within twelve miles of Dumfries, and about the ſame diſtance from Kirkcudbright, and within five miles or thereby of the port called "Dub of Haſt," which is a convenient harbour for veſſels of conſiderable burden, at which grain may be conveniently ſhipped, and lime imported from the Engliſh coaſt, at a very moderate expence, there being an excellent road between the eſtate and the Dub of Haſt.

The articles of roup, &c. are to be ſeen in the office of Mr Alexander Stevenſon, one of the depute-clerks of Seſſion. And perſons deſirous of further information may apply to John Tait junior, writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh, agent in the ſale; or John Clarke, junior, writer in Dumfries, factor upon the eſtate; either of whom will ſhow the preſent and proven rentals.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *April* 12.

Liſbon, March 26.

THE treaty for the marriage between the Infanta of Portugal and the Infant Don Gabriel of Spain, is ſigned.

Madrid, March 29.

On Eaſter Sunday, the 27th inſtant. the Portugueſe Ambaſſador at this Court made his public entry into Madrid, and, in a formal audience of the King of Spain, demanded the Infanta Donna Charlotta (eldeſt daughter of the Prince of Aſturias) in marriage for the Infant Don Juan of Portugal. In the evening the contract was read and ſigned in the preſence of the Royal Family, the Grandees of Spain, and the Great Officers of State. After which the marriage ceremony was performed by the Patriarch of the Indies, his Catholic Majeſty ſtanding proxy for the Infant Don Juan.

Vienna, March 30.

Prince Joſeph Lobkowitz is appointed Captain of the Noble German Guard, vacant by the death of the late Marſhal Colloredo; Lieutenant-General Noſtitz is raiſed to the rank of General of Cavalry, and is made Captain of the Guard (called *les Archers*) formerly commanded by Marſhal Thierheim; and General Clairfait is appointed Vice-Commandant of the city of Vienna, in the room of General Noſtitz.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD's, *April* 12.

Captain Tanner, of the Good Intent, arrived at Pool from Liſbon, on the 26th of Feb. ſpoke the Mary, Bowden, from Limerick to St Ubes, off the rock of Liſbon, all well; alſo on the 19th ult. ſpoke the ——, Tozer, from Dartmouth to Newfoundland, lat. 48—40, lon. 18—30, all well.

The Peggy and Betſey, of Loſſymouth, was totally burnt in that harbour the 1ſt inſtant.

The Tankerville Packet, on the 31th ult. ſpoke the Mercury, Innis, from Jamaica for London, in lat. 50—9, long. 13—14, out 8 weeks.

The Providence, George, from Middleburg, got on ſhore on the Goodwin Sands, but was got off by the aſſiſtance of the Deal boats.

The Lord Hyde packet, for Liſbon, arrived at Falmouth, ſpoke a brig on the 6th inſt. from Boſton for London, 54 days out.

Captain Eve, of the San Carlos, arrived at Dover from Cadiz, on the 27th ult. lat. 49—11 N. lon. 12—30, ſpoke the Richmond, Lee, from Virginia, all well.

HOUSE of COMMONS.

MONDAY, *April* 11.

AGREED to the report of the reſolutions of Friday, relative to the Scotch diſtillery, and ordered in a bill thereupon.

A bill "for the further regulating the trials of contraverted elections, or returns of members to ſerve in Parliament," was preſented, and read a firſt time.

"It recites the ſeveral acts made for regulating the trials of controverted elections or returns of members to ſerve in Parliament.

"And farther recites, it is expedient that regulations ſhould be made for prevention of difficulties which may ariſe in the execution of the ſaid act."

The moſt material clauſes are as follow:

"That if when the names of all the members ſhall have been drawn, the number ſet aſide or excuſed ſhall not amount to a certain number to be ſpecified in the bill; any member whoſe name ſhall have been ſet aſide on account of any excuſe offered to the Houſe, may withdraw ſuch excuſe if he ſhall think proper; and the names of all the members offering to withdraw their excuſe ſhall be taken down by the clerk, or clerk's aſſiſtant. And if the number of ſuch members ſhall not exceed the number, by which the number of members, not ſet aſide or excuſed, falls ſhort of forty-nine, the names of ſuch members ſhall be added to the names of the members, not ſet aſide or excuſed, and the Houſe ſhall proceed in the ſame manner as if ſuch members had not offered their excuſes, at the time of drawing their names—directing, that if the number of members, offering to withdraw their excuſes, ſhall exceed the number, by which the number of members, not ſet aſide or excuſed, falls ſhort of forty-nine, the names of ſuch members ſhall be put into glaſſes, and ſhall be drawn by lot, in the manner preſcribed by the ſaid acts, for drawing the names of the members of the Houſe, until the number of forty-nine ſhall be completed—And no member, who ſhall have ſo offered to withdraw his excuſe, ſhall be ſuffered to offer the ſame, or any other, when his name ſhall be drawn a ſecond time: That no Committee that ſhall have ſat a number of days to be ſpecified by the act, ſhall be diſſolved on account of the death or neceſſary abſence of any number leſs than of the members of the ſaid Committee—with a clauſe directing the commencement of the act."

Mr Philips, Chairman of the Committee appointed to try the merits of the election petition for the county of Bucks, made the following report:

"That John Aubrey, Eſq; is duly elected a Knight of the ſhire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the county of Bucks."

The ſaid determination was, upon motion, ordered to be entered upon the Journals of the Houſe.

On the Cricklade buſineſs, which went to calling the Returning Officer of that borough to the bar of the Houſe to anſwer for his conduct; after a long converſation,

Mr *Eden* moved, that the debate be poſtponed till Thurſday next, which was agreed to.

REGULATION OF FINANCE.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* now begged leave to call the attention of the Houſe to a ſubject, which, though not immediately ſtanding as an order for this day, was yet of great importance. The matter he alluded to, was that of the finances of this country; a ſubject which would ſhortly be brought before them for their conſideration, and which of all others, occupied moſt his care and attention, and gave him the greateſt anxiety and trouble. He ſtated the net produce of the taxes of the year 1784, ending the 5th of January in the ſame year, to amount to 10,400,000 l. excluſive of the malt and land-tax; one quarter year's produce of the revenue of that year ending on the ſaid 5th of January, 1784, amounted to 2,500,000 l. but the ſame in the year 1785, amounted to 2,750,000 l. one quarter year's taxes, ending 5th of April, 1784, amounted to 2,190,000 l. which in the year 1785, ending April 5, amounted to 3,066,000 l. Having thus ſtated the comparative produce of both years taxes down to the preſent period, which he thought it his duty to do, he ſaid, he was from hence led to imagine, that from the preſent ſituation of affairs he might be able to lay ſome foundation towards the paying off the national debt, by eſtabliſhing a ſinking fund in time of peace to the amount of one million, which, he truſted he ſhould be able to do this year, without laying any additional taxes; but for this he could not pledge himſelf; however, he hoped, by the aſſiſtance of every gentleman, to be able to effect ſo deſirable an event. From the great advance in the produce of the taxes in the ſeveral quarters of each year, he was confident to ſay, that the finances of this country were in an improving ſtate; and from this circumſtance he was induced to believe, that he ſhould be able to fulfil what he wiſhed moſt, the eſtabliſhment of a ſinking fund: The ſituation of the country, he thought, was alſo in a much better way than the moſt ſanguine expectations of gentlemen led them to hope for; and he truſted, they would redouble their efforts, and perſevere in them, till it was put on as reſpectable a footing as any other nation in Europe. He juſt ſtated theſe ideas, in order to prepare gentlemen for the diſcuſſion of the ſubject, when it ſhould come properly before them; at preſent he only meant to move for the production of papers to enable gentlemen to give their opinions.

The following accounts were upon motion ordered to be laid before the Houſe, viz.

"An account of the nett produce of all the taxes from Michaelmas 1783 to Chriſtmas Eve 1783, and from Michaelmas 1784 to Chriſtmas Eve 1784." Alſo,

"An account of the taxes from Chriſtmas 1783 to the 5th of April 1784, and from Chriſtmas 1784 to the 5th of April 1785." Alſo,

"An account of the ſeveral taxes impoſed by any act of Parliament of the laſt ſeſſion, ſo far as the ſame can be made up." And alſo,

"An account of the produce of the ſeveral taxes impoſed by any act of Parliament paſſed in 1783, ſo far as the ſame can be made up."

Mr *Sheridan* thought the Right Hon. Gentleman's calculations were in ſome meaſure fallacious, as certain taxes were paid yearly, and at the beginning of the year, which if multiplied by four for the different quarters, would make the nett produce much more than it ought. He ſhould move, therefore, that an account of the taxes of the year 1783 be laid before the Houſe.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* ſaid, he had no objection to the Hon. Gentleman's motion, and with reſpect to the falaciouſneſs of his calculations, he was ready to allow they were not ſo correct as he could wiſh, but they were as exact as the nature of the caſe would admit of. He had made ſome allowances for thoſe taxes that were paid yearly.

Mr *Fox* entered very largely into the ſubject matter of the motion, on which he ſaid he perfectly agreed with the Right Hon. Gentleman, (Mr Pitt) that the only method of preſerving the credit and conſequence of a nation, was by eſtabliſhing an effective Sinking Fund in the time of peace. He dwelt for ſome time on this idea, and concluded with giving the Right Hon. Gentleman (Mr Pitt) much credit for the very candid manner in which he had introduced the buſineſs.

Lord *Mahon* made a few obſervations on the nature and application of the Sinking Fund.

Mr *Eden* thought the ſurplus of the taxes, as calculated by the Right Hon. Gentleman, (Mr Pitt) could not amount to a greater ſum than 500,000 l. This, he contended, was preciſely the caſe.

Mr *Dempſter* expreſſed a wiſh that the Right Hon. Gentleman would begin to lay a foundation for the Sinking Fund, and borrow a million, to enable him ſo to do, until the next year; by ſinking one million yearly, in about 54 years the whole of the national debt would be paid off.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* ſaid a few words by way of reply.

Mr Dempſter and Mr Fox rejoined, after which the motion paſſed without a diviſion. Mr Sheridan then made his motion, which alſo paſſed.

The Houſe afterwards reſolved itſelf into a Committee on the Iriſh trade, when counſel were called to the bar in ſupport of the allegations contained in the Mancheſter petition againſt the Iriſh propoſitions. Theſe having been heard, the Houſe then reſumed itſelf, and adjourned till the morrow.

From the London Papers, April 12.

Madrid, March 14. The laſt letters from Cadiz bring the agreeable news of the arrival of the Brilliant from Vera Cruz to the Havannah, with eight hundred thouſand crowns, and of the Paula frigate, with one thouſand two hundred Lima crowns.

Liege, April 5. We learn from Tirlemont, that a contagious diſtemper had broke out among the horſes of the detachment of Wurmſer's huſſars quartered there, in conſequence of which about 200 of them had been ſold from 20 to 30 ſols each, in order to be killed, and that the perſons who had provided ſtabling for theſe horſes were obliged to demoliſh them, and burn every thing they contained.

Utrecht, April 7. From the papers ſeized in the houſe of M. Van der Slype, Deputy Bailiff of Maeſtricht, nothing can be collected to criminate him as a traitor to his country. With reſpect to thoſe written in cyphers, their contents are unknown; and, it is ſaid, the accuſed party is the only perſon capable of interpreting them.

Hague, April 6. The different Admiralties of the Union have preſented to the States General a memorial, repreſenting the urgent neceſſity of equipping a fleet to relieve that ſtationed in the Mediterranean under Vice-Admiral Kinſbergen; and in conſequence an additional fleet will be immediately fitted out, conſiſting of 15 ſhips, namely, ſix of 60, and four of 50 guns, and five frigates of from 30 to 36 guns.

The laſt letters from France adviſe, that greater obſcurity every day prevails in the political hemiſphere, and that the Court of Verſailles has received poſitive information from Vienna, that the Emperor is irrevocably determined not to recede from his laſt ultimatum, and that if the States-General perſiſt in rejecting the terms thereof, war will be inevitable.

Hague, April 6. A plan has appeared here for an aſſault upon, and the reduction of Maeſtricht, according to which the projector, who is ſaid to be an engineer named Debrou, engages to take the city with a force of 28,000 men.

Vienna, March 23. An experiment has been made at the Mint, in preſence of the Emperor and a great number of perſons of diſtinction, of the new method of ſeparating gold and ſilver from the ore, propoſed by Counſellor Born. Mercury is the agent employed for this purpoſe; and the proceſs, which is extremely ſimple, ſucceeded. The experiment was made upon twenty-five quintals of ſilver ore, from which, in the ſpace of twenty hours, as much ſilver was extracted as could have been procured from it in ſix weeks by the common proceſs of fuſion.

Venice, March 19. Yeſterday the Guerrier man of war, while lying at anchor in the great canal, took fire by accident, and in four hours was entirely conſumed, without any part of her lading, which conſiſted chiefly in proviſions, being ſaved. On the 12th inſtant at night a terrible ſtorm aroſe here and at ſea, during which ſeveral merchant ſhips were wrecked, among which was one laden with ſalt, and the Captain, his ſon, and the whole crew periſhed.

LONDON.

The King of Poland owes his crown to the good offices of the Empreſs of Ruſſia, whoſe influence has ever predominated at the Court of Warſaw.

Letters from Warſaw, dated March 25, declare, that in caſe of a general war there is not the leaſt doubt but that the King of Poland will take part with the Emperor of Germany.

The ſame advices add, that the Poliſh Monarch's attaching himſelf to the Imperial cauſe ariſes from his ſanguine and reaſonable expectation of his recovering part of his ancient dominions, Poliſh Pruſſia, which are now in the poſſeſſion of the Alexander of the North, in conſequence of the partition made of Poland a few years ſince.

Yeſterday the Lord Mayor received a letter from Alderman Aſſop, Father of this City, begging his Lordſhip to repon at the next Court of Aldermen his intention to reſign his gown.

The following is a liſt of the Burghs in which members are elected upon the burgage-tenures, and which of courſe it is propoſed to buy up, with the names of the preſent proprietors: —Appleby, Earl of Lonſdale; Beraſton, Earl of Lonſdale; Boroughbridge, Duke of Newcaſtle; Beverley, ——; Cockermouth, Earl of Lonſdale; Eaſt Grimſtead, Lord Sackville; Heyteſbury, Duke of Marlborough; Horſham, Lady Irwin; Knareſborough, Duke of Devonſhire; Malton, Earl Fitzwilliam; Midhurſt, Lady Montague; Northallerton, Mr Laſcelles; Pontefract, Lord Galway; Richmond, Sir Thomas Dundas; Old Sarum, Lord Camelford; Thriſk, Sir Thomas Frankland; Weſtbury, Earl of Abingdon.

Three expreſſes have arrived from Paris ſince Thurſday laſt, viz two from the Duke of Dorſet, and one from the French Court, all which indicate that matters on the continent are coming to a criſis, and, it is ſaid, in an amicable way.

It is reported, that if the crown lands are diſpoſed of ſtocks will be taken in payment, at a certain price conſiderably above the preſent, by which there will be an annihilation at once of ſeveral millions.

It is certain, that a Board of land and naval officers is now fixed on, who are to inveſtigate and report to his Majeſty a proper ſyſtem of defence, and the expediency and efficacy of the propoſed plans for ſecuring the dock-yards of Portſmouth and Plymouth. It is to conſiſt of the following officers:

Generals—The Duke of Richmond, Conway, Lord Amherſt, K. B. Lord Townſhend.

Lieutenant Generals—Sir Guy Carleton, K. B. Sir William Draper, K. B. Sir William Howe, K. B. Lord George Lennox, Sir Robert Boyd, K. B. J. Burgoyne, Earl Percy, Earl Cornwallis, Sir David Lindſay, Baronet, Sir Charles Grey, K. B.

Major-Generals—Pattiſon, Cleveland, Bramham, Green, Ray, Garth, Campbell.

The Duke of Richmond to be Preſident, and to appoint the Secretary. They are to aſſemble at ſuch time and place as his Grace ſhall appoint, and they are to be allowed each 40 s. per day, and 2 s. per mile travelling charges.

The Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the neceſſity and uſe of land fortifications, will meet for the firſt time at the Ordnance Office, Whitehall, on Saturday next; but they are not to proceed to viſit the ports till after Parliament break up.

Extract of a letter from Port Royal, Jamaica, Jan. 24.

"This day accounts were received here, by an expreſs, from Collector L——, which informs us, that the Spaniards have commenced hoſtilities againſt the Muſquito-men, and that a party of the latter were killed by them. Theſe troubles will certainly render it impoſſible for us to take our wood from Black River. We muſt go to the bay of Honduras, and there moſt probably wait for the cutting."

PRICE of STOCKS, APRIL 12.

Bank Stock, ſhut, 115¾ a 116 ex div.	3 per cent, Old Ann. ſhut.
5 per cent. Stock, 89 a 89½.	Ditto New Ann. —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, ſhut, 71½ a ¾ ex div.	Ditto 1751, —
3 per cent. con. 56 a 56½ a 55½ a 56¼.	India Stock, ſhut.
3 per cent. red. ſhut, 55¼ a ⅜ ex div.	3 per cent. Ann. ſhut.
3 per cent. 1726, —	India Bonds, paid, —
Long Ann. 17 a 1-16th.	Ditto unpaid, 1 diſc.
Short Ann. 1778, 12 a 1-16th.	Navy Bills, —
South Sea Stock, —	Exchequer Bills, —

WIND AT DEAL, April 11. S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, April 12.

HOUSE of LORDS.

"The order of the day was read for the third reading of the bill, intitled, "An act for appointing Commiſſioners to enquire into the Fees and Abuſes in certain offices, &c." Lord Stormont roſe up, and ſignified his entire ſatisfaction to the amendments adopted by their Lordſhips to the bill. Two or three trifling alterations were afterwards propoſed by Lord Sydney, and agreed to by the Houſe; after which the bill paſſed, and was ordered to be ſent to the Houſe of Commons for their concurrence to the amendments.

"Deferred counſel further in the cauſe of Martha Grove, and the Creditors of the York-Building Company appellants, againſt Sir James Grant reſpondent, till to-morrow.

HOUSE of COMMONS.

"The Houſe ballotted for a Committee to try the merits of the Kirkwall election petition.

Names of the Committee.

Rich. S. Milnes, Eſq.	David Murray, Eſq.
John Grant, Eſq.	Sir Francis Sykes.
Hon. W. H. Bouverie.	T. Boothby Parkynes, Eſq.
John T. Ellis, Eſq.	W. A. S. Boſcawen.
John Cleveland, Eſq.	Edward Philips, Eſq. Chairman.
Sir James Duff.	
Clement Tudway, Eſq.	George Bower, Eſq.

Nominee For the petitioner, Sir Adam Ferguſon.
For ſitting member, Lord Maitland.
Petitioner, John Sinclair, Eſq.
Sitting member, Right Hon. Charles James Fox.

"The bill to amend and explain the act paſſed laſt Seſſions, relative to the Scotch Diſtillery, was brought in, and read a firſt time.

" Sir *William Cunninghame* moved to have the bill printed.

" This was oppoſed by the *Chancellor of the Exchequer*, on on the ground, that it was unuſual to print tax-bills.

" Sir *William* contended, that the motion he had made, was not without a precedent. The bill impoſing a new tax on on windows, commonly called the Commutation Tax, was printed laſt year, and therefore he ſaw no reaſon why the preſent bill ſhould not be printed. Sir W. ſaid farther, that if the bill, impoſing the tax on the Scotch Diſtillery, had been printed the laſt year, he had no doubt but it would have been oppoſed; but paſſing *ſub ſilentio*, gentlemen were not aware of the miſchief, which they tacitly countenanced.

" After ſome more converſation, the Chancellor of the Exchequer carried his point.

" Alderman *Watſon* preſented a petition from the Maſter-weavers of the city of London, and town of Manchester, againſt the Iriſh propoſitions; and the ſame was ordered to the conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe on Iriſh affairs.

Mr *Pitt* preſented a return of perſons now under ſentence of tranſportation. The Right Honourable Gentleman ſaid, he had done this, as an intention of delay on his part had been hinted at the other day by a Noble Lord (Lord Beauchamp), though he wiſhed, at the ſame time, that the Noble Lord would defer his intention of making any motion thereon, as buſineſs of more conſequence preſſed upon the Houſe, and as the convicts under tranſportation could not be ſent out of the kingdom till the month of Auguſt next.

" Lord *Beauchamp* readily acquieſced in what had fallen from the Right Honourable Gentleman: but, at the ſame time, thought that the buſineſs he intended to bring forward, would not be any great hindrance, while it was of that ſerious nature, as to require the earlieſt conſideration.

" Mr *Pitt* ſaid a few words in ſupport of what he had ſaid before, and the matter ended.

" The order of the day being then called for, a motion was made, that Lord Lewiſham be allowed to withdraw his part of the petition, complaining of an undue election.

" Mr *Pitt* ſaid, he had no objection to it; but, at the ſame time, was at a loſs to know, whether, if the other petitioner, (Mr Betſworth) ſhould proſecute his petition to effect, and the allegations ſet forth in it be made out, the Committee would declare it a void election with reſpect to *both* the ſitting members, as there would then be but *one* petitioner.

" The *Attorney General* ſaid, he did not know whether Mr Betſworth was a voter or not; if he was a voter, and had petitioned as a voter, the facts in the petition would go equally againſt the two ſitting members.

" Mr *Fox* was of opinion, that if Lord Lewiſham ſhould be at liberty to withdraw his petition, and ſhould do it, it would then be exactly as if there had been but *one* petitioner; and for his part, he could ſee no difficulty in the caſe, as the Committee would determine as it ſhould appear to them.

" Mr *Eden* and Mr *Drake* ſaid each of them a few words, in ſupport of the Right Honourable Gentleman's argument; and leave was then given Lord Lewiſham to withdraw his name from the petition.

" Mr *Grenville* then preſented his bill for regulating the balloting for Committees for deciding on the merits of controverted elections, which was read a firſt and ſecond time, and ordered to a committee on Thurſday next, without a ſingle word being ſaid upon it.

" Mr *Sheridan* preſented a petition from the Traders and Manufacturers of Stafford, againſt the Iriſh propoſitions; and the ſame was ordered to the Committee of the whole Houſe on Iriſh affairs.

" The Houſe then went into a Committee of the whole Houſe, Mr Gilbert in the chair, on the bill for granting to his Majeſty the ſum of one million, to enable him to diſcharge Exchequer bills of the year 1784, which was read a firſt and ſecond time, and ordered to be reported the next day.

" The Houſe afterwards went into a Committee again on the bill, granting to his Majeſty one million and a half for the diſcharge of other Exchequer bills, which was alſo read a firſt and ſecond time, and ordered to be reported the next day.

" The order of the day was then called for on the Manchester petition, Mr Blackburne in the chair.

" Mr *Blackburne* informed the Houſe, that they had already heard counſel on two petitions from the Traders and Manufacturers of Manchester; and that the petition on which counſel were then to be heard, was a petition from the Callico and Cotton Printers of that place.

" Mr *Garrow* then appeared as counſel in behalf of the Petitioners, and called Mr Kirkſhaw, Mr Hall, and Mr Whitaker, who were ſeverally examined in ſupport of the allegations ſet forth in the petition; and the ſubſtance of whoſe evidence went to ſhow, that the manufacturers of thoſe goods had been ſo exceedingly oppreſſed by the additional duty of 1 d. per yard, as to be unable to make it anſwer to them any longer to manufacture the ſame; and that they had, at this time, very conſiderable quantities of thoſe commodities on hand. They alſo obſerved, that they had attempted an advance on the price of their goods, but could not find any market for them, on account of other manufacturers ſtill ſelling them at the uſual prices; a thing they believed they were enabled to do, by counterfeiting the ſtamp, ſo that the *fair* trader was reduced to the neceſſity of either ſtopping buſineſs, or ſelling their goods at a certain loſs. They alſo complained much of the commodities they dealt in being run from the Eaſt-Indies, and Switzerland, and other places, and which were ſold cheaper than theirs, on account of their not paying any duty.

" Mr *Garrow* then addreſſed the Houſe on the evidence that had been given, and argued ſtrongly for the neceſſity of a repeal of the act complained of.

" The Commiſſioners of the Exciſe preſented a paper to the Houſe, ſetting forth the neceſſity of appointing an additional number of officers for the county of Lancaſhire."

This day, came down, by expreſs, his Majeſty's commiſſion, appointing the Lord Eſkgrove to be one of the Lords Commiſſioners of Juſticiary, in the room of Lord Kennet deceaſed.

Lately was married, Boyd Alexander, Eſq; from India, to Miſs Camilla Porterfield, daughter of Boyd Porterfield of Porterfield, Eſq;

Mrs Lockhart, Lady of Captain Lockhart of the Royal Navy, was ſafely delivered of a daughter on Wedneſday, at her houſe in George's Square.

Elizabeth Duncanſon, relict of Colonel Robert Turnbull of Standhill, died here yeſterday at her houſe in Chapel-ſtreet.

Advices of a very extraordinary nature have juſt been received by ſome merchants of Cork from Jamaica, of certain regulations having lately taken place, reſpecting the trade homeward from that iſland to Ireland, ſaid by ſome to be in conſequence of orders from the principal proprietors and Weſt India merchants in London; and by others, of orders to the Governor from his Majeſty's miniſters. The Cork merchants have written off to Jamaica by a light veſſel for the particulars, fully determined, if the anſwers confirm the late accounts, to ſubmit the grievance to the conſideration of Parliament.

Laſt week, a petition to the Hon. Houſe of Commons, from the manufacturers and dealers in the town of Hamilton, againſt the Iriſh propoſitions paſſing into a law, was tranſmitted to Sir James Stewart, member for the county of Lanark. It was ſigned by about 500 perſons.

Thurſday a workman fell off the new building for executing criminals, erecting at the end of the Tolbooth. He was carried to the Royal Infirmary much bruiſed.

We hear from Borrowſtounneſs, that a gentleman there has received a letter from Elſinore, informing, that twenty veſſels, outward bound from Britain, at ſaid road-ſtead, were engaged with the ice, five of whom are cut from their cables, and forced aſhore on the Caſtle Point.

Extract of a letter from Elſinore, March 26.

" The ice ſtill remains in the Sound, ſo that people are continuing to walk to and from Sweden on the ice. There is intelligence of ſome ſhips being in the Cattegate at preſent. The only Scotch veſſel amongſt them, that we have heard of, is Captain Alexander Comb, of the Diligence, belonging to Borrowſtounneſs, who is lying in Carlſund in Sweden. There have been in Hornbeck, two days ago, ſix ſhips, but ſince drove away with the ice; at ſame place (which is ſix Engliſh miles below our Caſtle) there were found ſome pieces of a wreck, ſuppoſed to be a Dutch ſhip."

Extract of a letter from Dumfries, April 14.

" Janet Connel, mentioned in our laſt, having been examined by two ſurgeons, who depones, That, in their opinion, ſhe was far advanced in her pregnancy, was ſentenced to be hanged the 7th of September next.

" The Court then proceeded to the trial of Samuel Cochran reſidenter in the village of Carlingwork, in the pariſh of Kelton, and ſtewartry of Kircudbright, John Macneil or Neily, ſervant to William Alexander in Logan, and John Cameron weaver in Carlingwork, indicted for deforcing officers of the revenue. The diet againſt Cameron was deſerted *ſimpliciter*; and the trial having proceeded againſt the other pannels, the Jury found it proven, That, time and place libelled, Samuel Cochran was preſent in a mob, and active therein, as a ringleader, in carrying off nineteen bales of tobacco, after they had been ſeized by Walter Wilſon, an expectant officer of Exciſe; but found nothing proven againſt Macneilly, and he was aſſoilzied *ſimpliciter* and diſmiſſed from the bar, and Cochran adjudged to be impriſoned ſix months in the tolbooth of Dumfries. There being no other criminal buſineſs to come before the Court, they proceed to Ayr."

Extract of a letter from Glaſgow, April 14.

" The Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr met here upon Tueſday laſt.

" It was opened by the Rev. Mr Alexander Rankin, miniſter of Cambuſnethan, the late Moderator, who preached from Matth. xiii. 27.—" From whence then hath it tares?" The Synod next proceeded to chuſe a Moderator, when the Rev. Mr William Lockhart, one of the miniſters of this city, was elected. At their firſt meeting they went through their ordinary forms, but had no buſineſs of any importance.

" At their meeting in the afternoon, they took under their conſideration the caſe of Mr David M'Indoe, ſtudent of divinity, propoſed for trials by the Preſbytery of Glaſgow. The Moderator, agreeable to the terms of the act of the Aſſembly 1782, made enquiry if any perſon had any thing to object againſt this ſtudent's being taken on trials, in order to his being licenſed to preach the goſpel. A member of the Synod made the following objection: That the ſaid Mr M'Indoe was lately expelled the Univerſity of Glaſgow; and it was apprehended by him, that this objection (if verified) is directly contrary to the firſt article of the act 1782, relating to licenſing probationers, viz. " That no Preſbytery admit any perſon to probationary trials, but ſuch as are found to be of good report, of " grave and prudent behaviour, and of a peaceable diſpoſition." To this objection many others of the Synod adhered. Upon which an extract of the records of the Univerſity were offered to be produced, to ſhow that Mr M'Indoe had been really expelled. The Synod, after having fully conſidered this objection, came to a vote upon the two following motions, viz. 1ſt, That the Synod remit this affair to the Preſbytery of Glaſgow, to take Mr M'Indoe upon trials, but with this inſtruction, that if any relevant accuſation is lodged before them againſt Mr M'Indoe, they ſhall proceed to give judgment therein, according to the rules of the Church, and that he ſhall not receive a licenſe till the matter be fully tried. 2d, On the other hand it was moved, that the Synod refer the cauſe to the General Aſſembly, and prohibit the Preſbytery of Glaſgow from proceeding with Mr M'Indoe's trials till the advice and deciſion of the General Aſſembly be obtained. The firſt of theſe motions was carried by a majority. Againſt this deciſion no leſs than fourteen miniſters, members of the Synod, proteſted, and appealed to the General Aſſembly.

" Yeſterday, the Synod, at their next meeting, entered upon the buſineſ of the Cathcart ſettlement, when, after hearing all parties, and the Synod having long reaſoned among themſelves, they came to the following ſtate of a vote —To reverſe the ſentence of the Preſbytery of Glaſgow, refuſing to ſuſtain the call to Mr Dow to be miniſter of ſaid pariſh; to ſuſtain the call, and to appoint the Preſbytery to proceed with Mr Dow's trials and ſettlement with all convenient ſpeed, according to the rules of the Church? or, To remit the cauſe to the Preſbytery, with inſtructions to interpoſe their good offices with the pariſh, to bring about a more amicable ſettlement? The firſt of theſe was carried by a majority of votes.

" The ſame day, at their third meeting, they took in a cauſe, conſiſting of an appeal from a ſentence of the Preſbytery of Hamilton, ſuſpending certain Elders of the pariſh of Strathaven from the exerciſe of their office *ſine die*. The Synod, without a vote, agreed to affirm the ſentence of the Preſbytery, complained of by ſaid Elders; and remit the cauſe to the Preſbytery to take ſuch further ſteps in it as they ſhall ſee cauſe.

" The buſineſs of the Synod not being finiſhed, they will meet again this day.

" Yeſterday, John Johnſton, convicted of theft, was, agreeable to a ſentence of the Magiſtrates, whipped by the hands of the hangman through the principal ſtreets of this city, and baniſhed under the uſual certification. Although apparently not above twenty years of age, the ignominy of the puniſhment ſeemed not to affect him. He was not above three hours out of priſon, till he was recommitted for ſtealing ſome children's clothes, which were drying at the north end of the town.

" A boy was committed to priſon, for picking pockets in the crowd while Johnſton was whipping."

On Tueſday laſt, the 14th of April, the annual HARVEIAN ORATION inſtituted at Edinburgh, with the view of paying the laſt tribute of applauſe to illuſtrious medical characters, was delivered in the Hall of the Public Diſpenſary, by Dr WEBSTER. The ſubject was an account of the life, writings, and character of the late Sir JOHN PRINGLE, Bart. At this annual meeting, the prize given by the Harveian Society, with the view of encouraging experimental enquiry in medicine, was publicly delivered to Mr RALPH IRVING, from Langholm, for the beſt experimental diſſertation on the root of Ipecacuanha. This is the ſecond time Mr Irving has been ſucceſsful. His eſſay on the Peruvian Bark, which is now publiſhed, gained the firſt prize laſt year.

The prize queſtion propoſed by the Harveian Society for the preſent year, is an *experimental enquiry concerning Opium*, its different conſtituent parts, and their effects on living animals. Competitors for this prize muſt tranſmit their diſſertations to Dr DUNCAN or WEBSTER, Secretaries to the Society, on or before the 1ſt of January 1786. To each diſſertation ſome motto muſt be prefixed, and the ſame motto muſt be put on the back of a ſealed letter accompanying it, containing the name of the author. All the letters and diſſertations will be returned in any manner that ſhall be directed, no letter being opened, excepting that to which the prize is adjudged. Thus the names of unſucceſsful candidates will be unknown even to the judges.

On Monday the 9th of May, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Dr DUNCAN will begin his lectures on the MATERIA MEDICA, in his lecturing room, Surgeon's Square. During this courſe, the ſtudents will have an opportunity of examining ſpecimens, not only of the different articles, but alſo of their various preparations, and the remarks offered will frequently be illuſtrated by Pharmaceutical Experiments. The fee for this courſe is two guineas, and the fee for a perpetual pupil to all Dr Duncan's lectures is four guineas.

On Monday the 9th of May, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Dr WEBSTER will begin his courſe of CHEMISTRY and MATERIA MEDICA, at the Diſpenſary, Richmond-ſtreet. Examples of every proceſs in the Pharmacopœia will be performed, and the whole made entirely ſubſervient to medical practice. The fee is two guineas.

Mr CLARK's CONCERT is poſtponed to Tueſday the 3d of May, when the celebrated Muſic in the TEMPEST, compoſed by Henry Purcel, will be performed in St Cecilia's Hall.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

IT is a tribute due to merit publicly to obſerve, that Mr and Mrs Hamilton, with a ſmall company of Comedians, now at Ayr, have for ſome weeks paſt exerted themſelves, with the utmoſt decorum and good taſte, to give theatrical entertainment; and have met with the greateſt applauſe wherever they have exhibited in the weſt country. Mr Hamilton, who is *univerſal*, and excells particularly in the *comic*, conducts the Drama with great judgment and good order: Mrs Hamilton, whether in Tragedy or Comedy, acts with ſo much grace and propriety, aided by genteel and perſonal charms, that, forgetting the *Mirror*, we view her with admiration as the *Original*; while, in the vicilitude of real life, we are equally pleaſed with her amiable accompliſhments. Mr Dunn, from London, ſupports them with a correct knowledge and ſpirited performance of his parts. Mr Cuthel does great juſtice to Gibby in the WONDER, and other characters in the ſame walk. The other Actors claim their ſhare of commendation, and every lover of the Drama will be pleaſed that a Company ſo well regulated meet with encouragement.

K. K.

Ayrſhire.

ARRIVED at LEITH, April 13. Peggy, Scott, from Dunbar, with grain; Reſignation, Welch, from Yarmouth, with grain, &c.; Providence, Roſs, from Glaſgow, with goods; James and Anne, Miller, from Dundee, with grain, &c.; Anne, Kydd, from Dartmouth, in ballaſt; Nelly, Whiddon, from Southampton, with oak-bark.—16. Young, Herdman, from Berwick, with grain; John, Whitehead, from Rotterdam, with lintſeed, &c.; Active, Jameſon, from Borrowſtounneſs, with London goods; Anne, Lockhart, from Kirkcaldy, in ballaſt; Delight, Anderſon, from Wilhbeach, with grain; [illegible] from Burnham, with grain; Leith Packet, Wilſon, from Aberdeen, with goods; [illegible] other veſſels come up into Leith Roads ſince laſt night.

SAILED, Jean, Miller, for Wick, with goods; Generous Mind, Knight, for Dundee, with goods; Nelly, Primroſe, for Hull.

ARRIVED at GREENOCK, April 11. Jean, M'Lean, from Liverpool, with goods; Cunninghame, Archibald, from Virginia, with goods and tobacco; Jean and Bell, Brown, from Dundalk, with meal; Peggy, Lamont, from ditto, with ditto; Molly, Pyne, from Waterford, with ditto; Molly, Kerr, from Portſmouth, with timber; Swallow, Robertſon, from Oporto and Liverpool, with wine; Peggy, Watſon, from ditto, with goods; Rixy, Campbell, from Dundalk, with meal; Peggy, Black, from Drogheda, with ditto; Mary, M'Kellar, from ditto, with ditto.—13. John, Smith, from ditto, with ditto; Nelly, Black, from Waterford, with ditto.—14. Wilmington, Alexander, from Charleſtown, with goods; Polly, Spurling, from Wexford, with goods.

SAILED, April 11. Aſia, Johnſton, for Dublin, with goods.—13. Herelaw, Stevenſon, for Halifax, with ditto.—14. Friendſhip, M'Adam, for Philadelphia, with goods; Alexander, Raſide, for Jamaica, with goods; Induſtry, Hunter, for Port Roſeway, with ditto; Bell, M'Kinnon, for Whitehaven, with ditto.

LOST on Thurſday laſt, from William Paterſon's, Pleaſance, Edinburgh,

A Small Red and White POINTER BITCH,

anſwers to the name of JUNO.—Had on a Leather Collar, with the owner's name.

Whoever has found her, and will bring her to Mr Paterſon's, will be well rewarded for their trouble. If ſhe is found in any perſon's poſſeſſion after this notice, they will be proſecuted.

A SHOPMAN WANTED.

WANTED at Whitſunday next, a ſteady careful SHOPMAN, who has been bred in the Tea and Spirit buſineſs. None under 20 years of age need apply, or who cannot be well recommended.

Apply to William Fetter.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ANDREW BLACKWOOD, Merchant in Glaſgow.

UPON the application of Meſſ. Fleming and Douglas, merchants in Glaſgow, creditors of the ſaid Andrew Blackwood, the Lord Hailes, Ordinary, officiating on the the bills, ſequeſtrated his eſtate real and perſonal, and appointed a meeting of the creditors, to be held in the houſe of Peter M'Kinlay vintner in Glaſgow, upon Tueſday the 19th current, at one o'clock afternoon, for the purpoſe of naming an interim factor on the ſequeſtrated eſtate, and the other purpoſes of the act.

The creditors are now informed of that appointment, and requeſted to attend for the above purpoſes.

DALMUIR BLEACHFIELD,

Six miles west from Glasgow, for 1785.

EDWARD COLLINS lays down Cloth as soon as the weather permits.

The prices of bleaching are as follow, viz.

All plain linen, yard-broad, or under, wrought in any reed below 1000, at 2 d. per yard;—10 and 1100, 2½ d.—12 and 1300, 3 d.—14 and 1500, 3½ d. all above 1500, 4 d.—Tweedings, Diapers, Satinets, (not exceeding yard broad) 3½ d.—Long Lawn and Cambric, 3 d. and all above yard-broad in proportion.

Cloth is taken in at Edinburgh by

William Anderson, at the shop of James Grant and Co. West Bow.—Falkirk, by Thomas Duncanson, merchant; Bathgate, by James Weir, merchant; Stirling by William Brown, merchant; Alloa, by Matthew Brydie, merchant, Paisley, by John Weir, bookseller; Crawfurd's Dike, by Mrs Edmond merchant; Port-Glasgow, by Benjamin Robertson, merchant; Lanark, by Mrs Young; Biggar, by John Black, merchant; Ayr, by William Mitchell, merchant; Glasgow, by James Donaldson, senior.—And at the field, by Edward Collins paper maker. At all which places receipts will be granted for the cloth. The receipt to be returned when the cloth is called for.

N. B. No cloth taken in for the above field, exceeding 30 yards in one piece. The cloth will be delivered at the aforesaid places where it was received, all stamped and lapped. Two pence per piece charged for stamping and lapping.

ELGIN BLEACHFIELD, 1785.

JOHN RITCHIE, jun. merchant in Elgin, will lay down cloth as soon as the season permits, and bleaches at the following prices:

All cloth in a 1000 reed and under, at twopence per yard.
1100, at twopence halfpenny.
1200 and 1300, at threepence.
1400 and 1500, at threepence halfpenny,
1600 and finer, at fourpence,
Cambrics and Lawns, at twopence halfpenny.
Diapers, Sheetings, and Tweedings, in proportion to their breadth.

He begs leave to return thanks to his friends and the Public for past favours, and to assure them, that every possible exertion will be used to have the cloth sent to his field finished in the best manner, and speedily returned: Those who mean their cloth for sale may have it stamped and lapped in the Dutch or Irish manner, as desired.

CLOTH for this Field is taken in

At Forres, by William Moir, weaver; Nairn, Bailie Alexander Brodie, merchant; Campbeltown, Alexander Grant, merchant; Inverness, Thomas Munro, merchant; North Ferry, Cromarty, George Donaldson, merchant; Tain, Alexander Manson, postmaster; Nottingham, Caithness, James Monat, merchant; Grantown, George Elks, weaver; Fochabers, George Matthison, merchant; Cullen, Alexander Young, manufacturer; Portsoy, James Cruickshank, merchant; Banff, James Imlach, merchant; Elgin, by the said John Ritchie, jun.;—and at the Field, by George Crawfurd.

Carriages to and from the field will be paid. The names of the owner to be sewed in the end of each piece. Cloth that comes in after the 10th of August cannot be depended upon to be returned white the same season; and no cloth will be returned without ready money.

N. B. He also takes in YARN to be woven, and returned in cloth whitened.

SALE OF BURROW TENEMENTS.

TO be SOLD by public roup, upon the 1st day of July next, before the Lord Ordinary on the bill for the time,

All and Haill that TENEMENT of HOUSES which belonged to the deceased Hugh Brock, late merchant in Wick; comprehending that large New House built by him, Laigh House thereto belonging, Kailyard, Stack-hill, and others pertaining thereto; all lying in the burgh of Wick, and sheriffdom of Caithness. The subjects hold feu of a subject superior, for payment of a yearly feu-duty of 6 s. Sterling.

The free rent is 7 l. 19 s. Sterling. The upset price, 87 l. 9 s. Sterling. And the articles and conditions of roup are to be seen in the hands of Mr John Cullender depute-clerk of Session.

SALE OF LANDS IN GALLOWAY.

TO be SOLD, within the Coffeehouse of Dumfries, upon Wednesday the 25th day of May 1785, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The Five-merk Land of AIRDS, of old extent; the Four-merk Land of OVER HAZLEFIELD; the Three-merk Land of NETHER LINKINS; and Lands of BALCARRY; all lying in the parish of Kerwick, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and paying the yearly rents after mentioned, viz.

1. Balcarry and part of Airds, set to Thomas Clark and others, on a tack current for thirty years after Whitsunday 1778, paying of yearly rent, - - - - - L. 32 10 0

2. Airds, possessed by William M'Brair, without a tack, at - - - - - 40 0 0

L. 92 10 0

From which deduct the stipend, L. 1 4 0 6-12ths
And feu and teind-duties, 1 6 0 4-12ths

2 10 0 10-12ths

There remains of free rent, L. 89 19 11 2-12ths

The above lands pay supply according to a valuation of 140l. Scots, and will be exposed in two lots, if offerers incline.

3. Nether Linkins, set to Patrick Sproat on a tack for nineteen years - - - - - L. 47 14 0

From which deduct the stipend, L. 1 4 0 6-12ths
And feu and teind duties, 0 11 5

1 15 5 6-12ths

Remains of free rent, L. 45 18 6 6-12ths

The above lands pay supply, according to a valuation, of 60 l. Scots.

4, Over Hazlefield, set to John Kirkpatrick, William Graham, John Shennan, and James M'Naight, on tacks for 19 years after Whitsunday 1778, and 1779, at 145 l. 2 s. 8½d.

These lands are liable for supply, according to a valuation of 90l. Scots, and pay no stipend to the minister. The tenants pay all public burdens.

The lands last mentioned rise to 148l. 2 s. 8 d. from Whitsunday 1788; and to 154l. 5 s. 6d. from Whitsunday 1793.

The above lands all hold of the Crown. The teinds are valued, and the proprietor has a right to a tack thereof, from the Deans of the Chapel Royal, current to Martinmas 1790. The lands are in general of an excellent quality, are well inclosed with stone dykes, and lie near the sea shore, from whence lime is easily carried to them. The farm houses are in good repair, having been built within these five years, and are mostly covered with slate roofs.

At the same time will be SOLD, A HOUSE-STEAD and GARDEN belsild the same, in the high-street of the burgh of Kirkcudbright, lying between the property of Mess. John Buchanan and William M'Whinnie, very proper for building upon.

Any person wanting to be further informed, or wishing to see the title-deeds, articles of roup, or tacks, may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the signet, Edinburgh, or Commissary Goldie, Dumfries.

Third Term—First Notice.

IN the Process of Ranking and Sale, at the instance of Alexander Littlejohn writer in Stirling, with concourse of his Majesty's Advocate, against ROBERT MOIR of Lee field, and his Creditors, the Lord Henderland, Ordinary, by interlocutor dated the 10th March 1785, nominated Lord Gardenston of course to be Ordinary to the making of the said creditors, and assigned the 12th day of June next to the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them respectively, against the bankrupt or his estate; and that for the *first term*; with certification as in a reduction and improbation: And ordained notice thereof to be inserted in the Caledonian Mercury and Edinburgh Evening Courant, once every week, for three weeks successively, immediately after the date of said interlocutor; to the end it may come to thee knowledge of all parties concerned.

R. C. ROSS, Clerk.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Lands and Barony of ELPHINSTONE, lying within the parish of Tranent, and county of East Lothian, about ten measured miles east from Edinburgh.—This estate consists of about 1340 English acres, partly inclosed with hedges, and mostly arable. The mansion-house and office-houses are pleasantly situated, commanding an extensive view of the country. There is a considerable quantity of valuable timber on the estate, and an excellent coal in the ground, which is wrought at a small expence.—The present rent, free of all public burdens, is about 1080 l. Sterling, exclusive of the coal, which has yielded for some time past about 300 l. yearly of neat profit, and with proper attention, and at a trifling expence, may be made much more valuable. The estate holds blench of the Crown, and stands valued in the cess-books at 1978 l. 7 s. 8 d. and the teinds are valued and exhausted.

ALSO, the Lands of TWEEDIE, with the Pertinents, lying within the parish of Stonehouse, and sheriffdom of Lanark, consisting of upwards of 240 Scots acres, of which only about 28 acres are under Raise.

AND ALSO, the Lands and Mill of JAW, lying within the parish of Slamannan, and sheriffdom of Stirling. These lands consist of about 102 Scots acres, besides 50 acres of moss, are full of coal, and have promising appearances of lime. They are presently under lease, at the low rent of 50 l. Sterling.

The title-deeds and rentals, and surveys of the lands, may be seen in the hands of David Erskine clerk to the signet.

Notice of the particular time and place of sale will be afterwards given.

SALE of LANDS in FIFE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC ROUP OR AUCTION,

Within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 4th day of May 1785, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

THE Lands and Estate of RATHAILET, lying in the parish of Kilmeuny, and county of Fife.

The estate consists of upwards of 600 acres of land, the greatest part of which is arable, and of most excellent soil. It is set in lease to one tenant, of which there are 14 years to run after Martinmas next, at the yearly rent of 315 l. Sterling. The arable part of the estate is inclosed either with hedges and ditches, or with stone walls lately built, and very sufficient. The other parts of the lands are either covered with planting, which is very valuable, or affords excellent pasture for sheep.

There is a small Mansion-house upon the estate, with a large Garden, and a fine farm-steading lately built, and in very good condition. The estate is very conveniently situated, both for manure and for market, as there are plenty both of lime and marle in the neighbourhood. It lies within three short miles of Cupar, two from the harbour of Balmerino, and three from Woodhaven, on the south side of the river Tay, opposite to Dundee.

The teinds are valued, and the purchaser will have right to vote for a member of parliament for the county of Fife.

The progress of writs, and articles of sale, to be seen in the hands of George Imlach writer in Edinburgh, who will inform as to further particulars, and will be ready to treat and sell by private bargain, at any time previous to the day of roup.

JUDICIAL SALE—BY ADJOURNMENT.

UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

TO be SOLD by public roup, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 28th day of June next, betwixt the hours of four and six in the afternoon,

The Four Merk-Land of CAMLARG, PENNYVENZIES, and LOANSTONE, and COALS and COALLIERIES, within the foresaid lands, lying within the parish of Dalmellington, and shire of Ayr.

The proven yearly rent of the lands is,	L. 90 10 0		
The tiends are valued, and fall to be deduced,	6 5 3		
		L. 84	4 9
The proven yearly rent of the Coal,		20	0 0
Free rent of the land and coal,		104	4 9
The tiends are valued, by decreet of valuation, at	6 5 3		
Deduce the sum payable to the minister of Dalmellington,	5 3 6		
Remains of free tiend,		1	1 9
The tenants pay the schoolmaster's salary, over and above their rents			
Upset price of the lands at 23 years purchase of their free rent, being L. 84 4 9	1957 9 3		
Value of the free tiend, at five years purchase,	5 8 9		
Total value of the lands and tiend,		1942	18 0
The coal is proven to be worth 3 years purchase of the rent, being L. 20		100	0 0
Total proven value of the whole subjects under sale,		2042	18 0
To be exposed now at the reduced price of	L.	1854	8 6

The lands hold of the Crown.

The whole of the above lands are inclosed with a stone dyke, except one side of Over Camlarghill.—The lands of Nether Camlarg are subdivided with hedges, which are in a thriving condition.—There is a natural wood upon the lands, of considerable extent, above 30 years old, and five or six acres of thriving planting.—The lands and coal are all out of tack, except the lands of Sloanstone, the tack of which expires at Whitsunday 1793.

The articles of sale may be seen at the office of Mr Stevenson deputy-clerk of session; and further information will be got by applying to John Bogue, writer in Edinburgh, or Robert Aitken, writer in Ayr.

JUDICIAL SALE OF DURN.

To be Sold by public roup, under authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament-house, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 22d of July 1785, between the hours of four and six afternoon,

ALL and Whole the Lands, Barony, and Estate of DURN, with the Teinds and Mill of the same, lying in the parish of Pordyce and shire of Banff; the proven free rent whereof, exclusive of the cess, which is paid by the tenants, is 72 l. 6 s. 4 d. 3-12ths, and the upset price 1,467 l. 10 s. 6 d. The valued rent is 952 l. Scots; and those parts of the lands held of the Crown, entitle the proprietor to a freehold-qualification in the county.

The estate is reckoned to contain about 1600 Scots acres, exclusive of a share in an undivided common and moss. It is situated within a quarter of a mile of that populous flourishing sea-port town called Portsoy, five miles from Banff, and three from Cullen, through all which the great post-road leads, and in that district of the shire called the BOYNE, remarkable for its excellent soil and climate, fertile in all kinds of grain, and of late much distinguished for a spirit of improvement.—The estate is well tenanted, most of the leases nearly expired, and, upon a renewal, it is expected will yield more than double the present rent.—The lands abound with lime-stone, marble, and whin-stone quarries; and on the hill of Durn there are great quantities of white stone, fit for potteries, for which advantageous offers have been made. The lands are also well accommodated with the means of improvement, as the barony has a servitude on the inexhaustible mosses of Park, and, from their vicinity to water-carriage, coal, and every other necessary, are easily procured. The Gardens of Durn are very extensive, and well stocked with fruit-trees of the best kinds; a considerable part of the estate contiguous to the house is inclosed and subdivided with whin and thorn hedges, with belts of thriving young plantations, which renders the parks remarkably warm and well sheltered. There is likewise a good deal of old planting about the house, on which no value is put.

A new house may be set down at a little distance from the old one, on a more elevated and most eligible spot, in the middle of a rich loamy field of forty acres, well supplied with spring and running water, and diversified with most delightful and extensive prospects of the Moray Frith and adjacent country.

The articles of roup are to be seen in the office of Mr Alexander Ross, depute-clerk of session; and the rental, with a measurement of the estate, in the hands of Andrew Steuart jun. writer to the signet, agent in the sale; to whom, or Mr Keith Dunbar, depute-clerk of Session, intending purchasers may apply for other particulars. A plan of the estate lies with Mr James Duff at Banff, factor appointed by the Court; and John Ross, gardener at Durn, will show the grounds.

A HOUSE, GARDENS, AND OFFICES,

IN THE TOWN OF MONTROSE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of George Bean vintner in Montrose, upon Friday the 20th day of May next, between the hours of five and six in the afternoon,

All and Haill these Fore, Middle, and Back Tenements of Land, now converted into one house, with the gardens and offices thereto belonging, lying on the west side of the Castlegate of Montrose, lately occupied by the deceased Sir James Nicholson of Glenbervie, Baronet, and consisting of a dining room, drawing room, parlour, two bed rooms, and pantry, on the first floor; three bed rooms and servants apartments above; and a large commodious kitchen, servants room, and three cellars on the ground flat; and within the close, a stable and hay-loft, brewhouse, laundry, and hen-houses. The gardens are divided into three, and neatly laid out, and inclosed with high stone and brick walls, and properly stocked with fruit trees.

The progress of writs, and articles and conditions of roup, are to be seen in the hands of William Bailie writer in Montrose, to whom any person intending a private bargain may apply.

SALE OF A HOUSE AND GARDEN,

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EDINBURGH.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 20th day of April instant, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock in the afternoon,

A DWELLING-HOUSE of two stories, consisting of three rooms and kitchen, with closets.—Also, A LEIGH HOUSE, BYRE, and STABLE, with a GARDEN adjoining, consisting upwards of a Scots acre, well laid out, and stocked with fruit trees and bushes, and inclosed with a good fencible hedge, lying about an English mile west from the Cross of Edinburgh, pleasantly situated upon the south side of the road to Corstorphin, within the toll-bar, a little south west of the New Town, as presently possessed by John Gilchrist, gardener.

The articles of roup, to be seen in the hands of William Macfarlane, writer to the signet, to whom intending purchasers may apply.

John Gilchrist will show the premises.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 20th April curt. betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

The HOUSE of HILLSIDE, Stable, Coach-house, and other houses, garden, and grounds around the same, containing about twelve acres, beautifully situated on the east side of the road from Edinburgh to Leith, by the New Bridge.—The grounds, garden, and houses are well supplied with fine water; the whole in good condition, fit for the accommodation of a genteel and numerous family; and such a residence, for the conveniency of the town, and pleasures of the country, as can be seldom met with.

The grounds adjoining to the walk to Leith, from their local situation, may be feued out for building, and the road projected from the west end of Queen's-street to the Abbey-hill, as the best access to the New Town from the east, will, if the proprietor consents, come through the grounds of Hillside, which, with the conveniency of water and stone within the property, must very much increase the value.

For further particulars, application may be made to John Smyth writer to the signet, who will show the progress of writs, and articles of roup.

TO be SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 28th day of April curt. betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

The Lands and Estate of WHITEHOUSE, lying contiguous to Bruntsfield Links, in the parish of St Cuthberts, or West Kirk, and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, with the mansion-house, gardens, and offices.

The lands are subdivided into seven different parks or inclosures. The parks have been long in grass for pasture only; and the present free rent of the whole subjects, after deduction of all public burdens, is 188 l. 4 s. Sterling.—For the encouragement of purchasers, the whole is to be exposed at the upset-price of 3500 l.

The Lands of Whitehouse, properly so called, are holden blench of the Crown, and valued in the cess-books at 307 l. 13 s. 4 d.; and the valuation of that part of the Burrow-muir Lands belonging to the estate, and holden of the town of Edinburgh, is 25 l. 9 s. The proprietor has right to the teinds of the lands of Whitehouse; and those of the Burrow-muir are found to be valued and exhausted.

The Parks, Garden, and other subjects will be shown by the said William Borthwick; and the mansion-house and offices will be shown by Mr Hope's servants upon Tuesdays and Thursdays, from twelve to two o'clock.

The articles of roup, and title-deeds are in the hands of James Fraser writer to the signet.

Upset Prices further Reduced.

SALE of the ESTATE of ORCHARDTON,

In the STEWARTRY of KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

TO be Sold by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 20th day of July 1785, the roup to begin at five o'clock afternoon,

All and Whole the Lands and Estate of ORCHARDTON, lying in the parishes of Buittle, Renick, and united parishes of Galston and Kelton, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

This estate consists of 3267 acres of Scots measure, whereof there are 1690 acres of rich arable ground, and 1577 acres of excellent pasture. Almost the whole estate is inclosed, and the arable farms are subdivided with good fences. The farm-houses, which are timbered with the best foreign wood, and covered with slates, and office-houses, are in the very best order, most of them having been built within these few years. The tenants are in general men of wealth and are carrying on great improvements by means of lime, marle, sea-shells, sleech, &c. with which the lands are plentifully supplied. The free rent of this estate is 1014l. Sterling, after deduction of all public burdens, an addition of rent having been obtained upon such farms as have been let since the lands were first advertised for sale. Some of the tacks contain obligations upon the proprietor to furnish certain quantities of lime to the tenants, and to be at the expence of building dykes, &c. which are nearly all fulfilled, and the effect of which will be to secure a very considerable rise of rent upon the expiry of the present lease.

The natural wood on this estate is extensive, and the whole of an age fit for cutting. From a late appretiation it appears, that the value of the wood is upwards of 500l. Sterling.

Upon the lands of New Orchardton there has been lately built a large, elegant, and commodious mansion-house, with a complete set of office-houses and houses for labouring servants, executed in the most substantial manner; in erecting and completing which buildings there has been expended upwards of 3000l. Sterling. There is also a good garden and orchard, well stocked with fruit trees.

The house of Orchardton is delightfully situated near the bay of Histon, on the Solway frith, and has a commanding prospect of the coast of England on the opposite shore. Within the bounds of the estate are several good harbours, fit to receive vessels of considerable burden, particularly one within 300 yards of the house of Orchardton. From the bay near the house, the family residing there are at all seasons plentifully supplied with a variety of fish, which are taken by the servants without difficulty, by placing nets at low water. Among the many advantages which this estate enjoys, it may be remarked, that it lies in a country where the spring and summer are earlier than in any other place in Scotland, and the cold and other disagreeable effects of the east wind are scarcely felt.

The whole estate holds of the Crown for payment of small feu and blench duties, and stands valued in the cess-books at 1047l. Scots, which, with two forty-shilling lands of old extent, entitles the proprietor to four freehold qualifications.

When the estate was last offered to sale, it was exposed at 23,000l. Sterling. For the encouragement of offerers, it is now proposed still further to reduce the upset price.

For further particulars enquire at the proprietor at Orchardton-house, William Keith, accountant in Edinburgh, or at James Baillie at the Stamp Office, who will show the tacks, rental, progress of writs, and a plan and measurement of the estate. Any person inclining to treat by private bargain before the day of sale, may apply as above.

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